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Dear Mr Meads

**Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, Section 53
Definitive Map Modification Order Application - To add a public footpath from Rectory
Lane to ZGL64, Hempsted Parish, City of Gloucester**

Further to previous correspondence on this matter, I am writing to let you know that the above application has recently been determined by the Council's Commons & Rights of Way Committee.

Council Decision

The Council has resolved:

- That no order be made to add a length of public footpath to the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way between points A-E. (Please see attached claimed route map).

Reason for the Decision

- Having considered the evidence as a whole, it is concluded that the insufficiency of documentary evidence, and the fact that five of the eight accepted statements of use acknowledged awareness of, and use of, a permissive path – thereby indicating that use was 'by right' not 'as of right', is considered to be insufficient to establish a reasonable allegation that rights subsist either by presumed statutory dedication or inferred dedication at common law.

What Happens Next?

As the Council has determined that no Order should be made to add the claimed route to the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way, you do have a right to appeal the Council's decision under Schedule 14 paragraph 4(1) Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981.

Please find attached an information sheet regarding this. Please note that any appeal will need to be lodged in writing with both the Government Office and Gloucestershire County Council within 28 days of the date of this letter. It would be helpful (although not a requirement) for you to state the basis of your appeal.

Should you have any queries about this decision or about the Definitive Map Modification Order process then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs Julie Haworth
Highway Records Officer (DMMO)**

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